Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 03 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 04 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 02 Aug 2023 at 16:26 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday and Friday. Low for extent of any persistent rain on Saturday. High for changeable conditions from Sunday onwards

Headline for Thursday 03 Aug 2023: Cloudy with a few light showers, southeast dry and brighter.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 03 Aug 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	30%	20%	20%	20%	30%

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Weather: A lot of cloud through the day across most of Argyll, southern Lochaber and across Kintyre and Mull, this thick enough to give the odd light shower. The Trossachs and Arran will be dry with cloud breaking to allow some sunshine.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance in the southeast of the area

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor extensive low cloud throughout the day down to 500 to 800 metres. Cloud likely to break and lift above the tops across Arran and the Trossachs by afternoon with good visibility.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/24 N	22/26 N	20/25 NW	19/25 NW	19/25 NW	19/25 NW	20/26 NW	19/25 NW	18/24 NW
900	13/17 N	13/17 NW	13/16 NW	15/20 NW	15/21 NW	15/22 NW	15/21 NW	14/19 NW	13/19 NW
600	12/15 N	11/14 N	9/13 N	12/16 NW	12/17 NW	13/18 NW	11/16 NW	13/18 NW	12/16 NW
300	6/9 NW	6/9 NW	6/10 NW	11/16 NW	11/18 NW	11/18 NW	10/17 NW	8/14 NW	8/13 NW
Glen	5/10 NW	5/11 NW	6/12 NW	9/16 NW	10/19 NW	11/20 NW	10/19 NW	8/16 NW	8/15 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	6/1	6/1	6/1	6/1	6/2	6/2	6/1	5/-0	4/-1
900	8/5	8/5	8/5	9/5	9/6	9/6	9/5	7/4	6/3
600	10/7	10/7	10/8	10/8	11/9	11/9	10/8	9/6	8/6
300	12/11	11/10	12/10	12/10	13/11	13/11	12/10	11/10	10/9
Glen	14/13	13/13	14/13	14/13	16/14	15/14	14/13	13/12	12/11
Freezing Level*	2400m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2400m	2300m	2200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Cold, strong northwesterly summit winds will lead to notable wind chill, and combined with low cloud will make for slow progress.

Forecast for Friday 04 Aug 2023
Weather: A cloudy start with some patchy light rain. Becoming brighter through the morning to leave a largely dry afternoon with some sunny intervals and only a brief passing shower.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly average speeds of 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph on the higher tops, easing later by afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%, best chance in the afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of low cloud down to 700 metres at first, this breaking up through the morning to leave patchy cloud at 900 metres or higher in the afternoon with good visibility.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 18 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 9 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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